Fresno State installs bicycle repair stations

The university parking department provides students with the tools to make necessary repairs to their bicycles.

By Dana Hull
The Collegian

Bike riders rejoice! Fresno State’s parking department has installed two do-it-yourself bike repair stations on campus. Each station comes with a variety of tools, including an air pump and wrenches.

The stations are located in front of the University Student Union and in front of the Atrium near the dorms. According to the University Police Department, these two locations were chosen because they usually have the highest volume of bicycles. In addition, these locations were chosen with safety in mind, as they were placed in well lit, highly traveled areas.

Dirk Smith, a senior majoring in criminology, watched as the station near the USU was being installed. “I like it,” he said. “I’m going to use it right now.”

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Obama’s ‘Union’: ‘Move together or not at all’

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pleading for unity in a newly divided government, President Barack Obama implored Democratic and Republican lawmakers to rally behind his vision of economic revival for an anxious nation, declaring in his State of the Union address Tuesday night: “We will move forward together or not at all.”

The president unveiled an agenda of carefully balanced political goals: a burst of spending on education, research, technology and transportation to make the nation more competitive, alongside pledges, in the strongest terms of his presidency, to cut the deficit and smack down spending deemed wasteful to America. Yet he never explained how he’d pull that off or what specifically would be cut.

Obama spoke to a television audience in the millions and a Congress sobered by the assassination attempt against one of its own members, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Her seat sat empty, and many lawmakers of competing parties sat together in a show of support and civility. Yet differences were still evident, as when Democrats stood to applaud his comments on health care and tax cuts while Republicans next to them sat mutely.

In his best chance of the year to connect with the country, Obama devoted most of his hour-long prime-time address to the economy, the issue that dominates concern in a nation still reeling from a monster recession — and the one that will shape his own political fortunes in the 2012 election.

Eager to show some budget toughness, Obama pledged to veto any bill with earmarks, the term used for lawbreakers, the term used for law

See OBAMA, Page 3

Secular alliance visits campus

By Dana Hull
The Collegian

The Central Valley Alliance of Atheists and Skeptics was on campus Monday in the hopes of forming a new student organization.

The group had an information booth near the University Center with information brochures and sign-up sheets for students interested in helping to form this organization.

The Free Thought Society, a related group, tried establishing a similar organization on campus back in 2002, but failed.

Mark Boyd, president of the CV AAS, says that it is difficult to keep these campus organizations going because they lack continuity. “The people who were leading that group were seniors,” he said. “They had a really heavy workload, so they had to focus on their class work.”

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Fresno State’s men’s and women’s basketball teams each won on Monday night. Relive their performances with photos on The Collegian Online.

GALLERY: Check out The Collegian Online for this and many other exclusive photo galleries.

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The evolution of democracy

A side from oppositional thumbs, use of tools and being a bipedal species, being morally conscious of our actions is what separates most humans from most animals. We have the ability to make choices. Choices that, quite often, don’t have the pretense of necessities. But it’s those who let in their mistakes, those who edit and correct, that differentiate the human from the fools.

Around 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, 2011, Associated Students, Inc. President Pedro Ramirez made a choice to answer his phone, drive a vehicle registered to one Martin Ramirez and give a ride home to Luis Hernandez, a friend who had been drinking.

According to the Fresno Police report, Ramirez was driving at a speed unsafe for conditions and collided into a brick fixture and the tree it surrounded. Subsequently, he was taken to Community Regional Medical Center via ambulance. Ramirez was treated and released. He was, however, able to produce a valid California drivers license, contrary to what Ramirez’s lawyer told The Fresno Bee.

The Right Tone

Tony Peterson

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Who do you think is going to win the Super Bowl XLV?

Maria Chavez

Freshman

Major: Undecided

Santiago Ontiveros, Javier Alverdo & Charles Austin

Theta Chi

“Steelers. Steelers. Steelers. Steelers have more super bowl experience then the Bears. Ben Roethlisberger is going to be the MVP. When it comes down to it, you have the Steelers defense backing him up. Roethlisberger has that playmaking ability. If something goes wrong he can get away from the rush and make the play.

Ah and, Rush Theta Chi.”

Kennard Harris

AKA Money

Senior

Major: African American Studies

“i’m going to tell you right now, you better get the recording because i don’t talk to much. OK, The Raiders are next year’s winners. I understand we had a little bit of trouble, but it’s the defense and we fixing that. You know, so i don’t care about the Packers. You know, i don’t care about the Steelers. I’m a Raiders fan, i got to represent my team as a professional. So watch out for us next year.”

Veronica Montes

Freshman

Major: Criminology

“Black and Yellow. Whoah!”

The Bleeding green and gold

When the Chicago Bears and string quarterback Caleb Hanie, trying to engineer an historic comeback against the Green Bay Packers in the NFC championship game, tossed the football toward the middle of the field on 4th-and-5 with less than a minute to go in the game, a torrent of thoughts ran through my head.

He can’t possibly complete this pass, can he? Not even a movie script writer would be audacious enough to try to tell such a story. He’s a third-stringer for God’s sakes! What the heck is Caleb Hanie thinking? A person with a name like that cannot possibly lead a comeback against the Packers. Oh and wait, could it be that pensy Jay Cutler engineering a comeback on behalf of God’s sakes! What the writer would be audacious enough to try to tell such a story. He’s a third-stringer for God’s sakes! What the heck is Caleb Hanie thinking? A person with a name like that cannot possibly lead a comeback against the Packers. Oh and wait, could it be that pensy Jay Cutler engineering a comeback on behalf of the Packers.

You thoughts tend to become quite petty when the team you’ve rooted for since your youth becomes involved.

Fortunately for my sanity, Packer rookie cornerback Sam Shields caught his second interception of the game, securing the win and the NFC championship for the Green Bay Packers.

It was freezing out there, so Vince Lombardi, the Packer coach, ordered his players not to wear gloves to keep their hands warm, because they might cause them to drop a pass. Robinson was, however, a man of American, told the trainer to give him brown gloves, because Lombardi would never tell the difference.

There are many funny stories from the Lombardi era. Lombardi was a great coach, but he was also a master disciplinarian. Thus as players went to length to evade the wrath of Lombardi. Lombardi did not like his players eating sweets during the season. One player was eating ice cream when he saw Lombardi. He quickly shoved the ice cream in his pocket rather than having his fiery coach see him with it.

On Feb 6, 2011, when the Packers take on the Pittsburgh Steelers to see who will win the a/named Vince Lombardi trophy. The Bears, I believe, will be watching. But for my sanity, let’s hope that it isn’t Charlie Batch, the Steelers’ third-string quarterback, who’s engineering a comeback against the Pack.

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OBAMA: The president calls for unity in tough economic times

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makers’ pet projects. House Speaker John Boehner and other Republicans applauded. But Obama pressurized a rebuke from his own party even before he spoke, as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the president had enough power and that plans to ban earmarks were “a lot of promises.”

Obama’s proposals Tuesday night ranged across the scope of government, cutting the corporate tax, providing wireless services for almost the whole nation, consolidating government agencies and freezing most discretionary federal spending for the next five years. In the overarching theme, he urged the lawmakers: “The future is ours to win.”

In essence, Obama reset cooperation, Obama said: “What comes of this moment of cooperation, the president told the lawmakers: “The theme of his speech, the president said. “The idea of American ingenuity, designed a drilling technology that helped rescue the Chilen miners. Flanking Mrs. Obama in the gallery, Brig. Gen. Eileen Blass, the wife of a soldier seriously injured in Afghanistan, and Roxanna Green, mother of the nine-year girl killed in the Tucson shooting, the president cast the challenges facing the United States as bigger than either side, as he held her hand. At the speech from her bed signifying the deaths in Tucson and the hopes of the survivors. Giffords’ husband was watching the speech from her bedside, as he held her hand. At times, Obama delivered lighter comments, seeming to surprise his audience with the way he lampooned what he suggested was the government’s illogical regulation of salmon. Halfway through his term, Obama stepped into this moment on the upswing, with a series of recent legislative victories in his pocket and praise from all corners for the way he responded to the shooting rampage in Arizona. But he confronts the political reality is that he must to lead a divided government for the first time, with more than half of all Americans disapproving of the way he is handling the economy.

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Students share common pathways

By Elizabeth Thomasion
The Collegian

Bicycles and skateboards are a common mode of transportation for students around campus. Pathways around and through the campus grounds must accommodate enough space for pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as the safety of all surrounding students.

A variety of designs and procedures have been created to help facilitate thousands of students traveling throughout the campus on a daily basis. Designating restricted areas of travel for bicycles and skateboards is a common technique to keep students safe.

Signs are posted throughout certain areas of the campus to only allow foot traffic because walkways are too low.

Amy Armstrong, the public information officer for the University Police Department, said the importance of safety for all students on campus in regards to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

“We want all students to be safe,” Armstrong said. “Officers will give students a warning the first time they see someone riding through areas where signs have been posted, but if they are caught again there will be further consequences.”

Armstrong explained the difficulty involved with catching repeat offenders because it is difficult to track down one specific bicycle on campus.

“Bicycles don’t have a license plate like a vehicle would,” Armstrong said. “We encourage students to report any one they notice riding their bicycle through the hallways to an officer so they can try to catch them.”

Not all students violate these rules, but instead always abide by them and see the importance of creating safe pathways.

Public health major Shawn McClurg explained how she navigates safely campus on her longboard.

“I avoid areas where there are high amounts of traffic, or where there have been signs posted even if I am running late to class,” McClurg said. “I am always aware of my surroundings when I ride so I do not have an accident with anyone. All students have a responsibility for their own safety.”

The university explains the importance of safety in the university wide policy, which is designed to help keep students safe.

The university policy section 26.0.1 for the Use of Buildings and Grounds states, “Skateboards, in-line skates, and bicycles are permitted on campus and may be used as a means of transportation on the interior of university grounds as long as pedestrians are given the right of way and the rider travels at a reasonable, safe and prudent speed.”

The university is designing and improving the university grounds to help lessen problems on campus. Doors that open outward have been outlined with paint to designate where the door will travel to help eliminate any potential accidents. Also the university is widening pathways around the college to help alleviate traffic through the campus.

Pathways around the Henry Madden Library have been expanded in order to allow for more bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Health science major Kelley Holcomb said she wishes for larger pathways because she was almost hit by a bicyclist when she was longboarding with her iPod on.

“If all pathways were wider there would be less accidents on campus, and more room to walk,” Holcomb said. “When I come to campus I want to feel safe, and not have the risk of being run over by a bicycle.”

South Valley students benefit from off-campus center

By Jason Baltis
The Collegian

In a rustic portable on the College of the Sequoias campus in Visalia lays a piece of Fresno State history. For more than 20 years, students have sought the assistance for their academic future from this facility.

The Fresno State Center is a joint venture between the College of the Sequoias and Fresno State. Student outreach services such as pre-admission counseling, class offerings and a computer lab help students reach their goal of attending Fresno State.

Desiree Molyneux, an outreach counselor for the Fresno State Center, handles all the preadmission counseling. She said that more than 80 percent of the students she helps get to Fresno State. She also said that helping students pick the right courses is only part of what she does.

“Deadlines are firm and strict, especially with the budget cuts,” Molyneux said.

Reminders are sent to students via fax and e-mail and various reminders are sent to students via e-mail. Students are also given a packet containing information about events such as Dog Days and before and after the application to Fresno State is submitted.

Pricilla Gonzalez completed the nursing program at COS last semester. She planned on attending Fresno State, but decided on California State University, Bakersfield.

“I’m glad I have her [Molyneux] because I had a lot of rumors to clear up and needed direction,” Gonzalez said.
Oscar nominations trigger local buzz

Among the nominees is co-host James Franco and 14-year-old Hailee Steinfeld

Oprah Winfrey finds sister she didn’t know she had

The Collegian

Nominees for the Academy Awards, the most highly anticipated awards show of the season, were announced yesterday.

Several of the films nominated have already won awards during the Golden Globes on Jan. 17, including Natalie Portman, who won a Golden Globe for Best Actress in a drama. His role in “The King’s Speech” as King George IV of Britain also earned him an Oscar nomination.

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Oprah Winfrey greets her half-sister Patricia on an episode of “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey greeted her half-sister Patricia on an episode of “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

Golden Globe for her role in “Black Swan,” a role that also earned her an Oscar nod.

This is such a great honor,” she said in her Golden Globe acceptance speech. “This is the most wonderful experience of the whole reaction to the movie.

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Associated Press

Awards, the most highly
out the 48-year-old woman, who
throughout the program was
Wilfed said before bringing
miracle of all miracles,”
“This, my friends, is the
birth mother.

The effort seemed to hit a
dead end when a woman from the Wisconsin adoption agency called to respond to her
inquiries.

She was telling me that my
birth mother had called her
back, and she had made the
decision at that particular time
that she did not want to see me,” Patricia said.

Coincidentally, on the
local news that day was a story about
Winfrey’s mother, Vernita Lee, who revealed details about two
of her children who had since
died. Those details, Patricia said, matched information she
had seen in papers about her
own adoption.

Winfrey’s mother also
said that one of the deceased
children had been named
Patricia.

“The hairs on the back of
my neck stood up,” Patricia said.

“Because I knew one of
my siblings and I shared the
same name.”

Later, she found more
matching details, including
the fact that Winfrey was born
in 1954, the same year as the
woman Patricia knew was her
surviving sibling.

Patricia found the daughter
of Winfrey’s dead sister in
Milwaukee, and they took a
DNA test that confirmed their
relationship.

Lee, who recently suffered
a minor stroke, said she never
told Winfrey about her half
sister, “because I thought it
was a terrible thing for me
to do, that I had done, gave up
my daughter when she was born.”

Winfrey said documents
from the girl’s birth reveal
that Lee gave up the baby for
adoption because she did not
think she could get off welfare
in order to keep the child.

“I made the decision to give
her up because I wasn’t able
to take care of her.” Lee said
during a recorded interview
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Oprah Winfrey, for example, recalled how her other sister revealed to the press years ago that Winfrey had had a baby when she was a teenager.

“She never once thought to
tell the story,” Winfrey said,
recalling how she felt betrayed
by others who have sought
to take advantage of their relationship with her.

Winfrey, for example, recalled how her other sister revealed to the press years ago that Winfrey had had a baby when she was a teenager.

“Family business should be
handled by family,” Patricia
said. “It couldn’t be handled by
anyone else. That’s not fair. It
wouldn’t be fair to you.”

Winfrey said she was
heartened by learning that
she had a half-sister, saying
it “feels like closure” for the
sister who died.

“It feels to me like you are Pat
on her very best day,” Winfrey
told the woman. “You are what
she wanted to be without the
drugs.”
The daily crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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Puzzle by Hemmy Getz

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Word of the Day

An excuse you can use after Facebook creeping and getting caught. It always works, though the suspicious individual will likely remain skeptical.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com

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Ross’ unselfish play leads to win

Fresno State takes down last-place Hawaii, will play San Jose State at home Thursday

By Vongni Yang
The Collegian

The senior guard from Pinole, Calif., had an open lane and room to roam after a second-half steal Monday night against Hawaii, but instead of driving the ball to the basket for a contested layup, Ross chose to dish it out to a teammate.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the shot didn’t connect, but Ross’ decision to pass exemplifies her growth as a complete player.

Ross needed to score 21 points Monday night to become Fresno State’s all-time leading scorer in the history of the women’s basketball program, but fell just nine points shy of eclipsing Yvette Roberts’ 22-year-old record of 1,778 points in a career.

“I really wasn’t necessarily thinking about the record,” Ross said.

Despite not reaching the monumental achievement, Ross had an effective night finishing with 12 points, six assists, five rebounds and three steals, and with a collective effort from her teammates, Fresno State pulled away in the second half to crush the visiting Hawaii Rainbow Wahine 79-57 at the Save Mart Center.

“I thought we shared the ball really well,” head coach Adrian Wiggins said. “I thought we did a good job of really learning when we played on offense and you saw the lead kind of expand in the second half.”

Forward Hayley Munro had a game-high 18 points and true freshman Alex Farr came off the bench to score a career-high 12 points while guard Rosie Moult added 11 points on the night, connecting on three-of-five from beyond the arc.

“It was a great team effort,” Munro said. “We been working really hard in practice and helping each other out. We did well.”

Although the ‘Dogs had a balanced attack on the offensive side, the spotlight was on Ross and her quest for Roberts’ record. Ross’ numbers were skewed a bit on Monday night because coaches played her occasionally at point guard in the absence of starter Taylor Thompson, who sat out of the Western Athletic Conference match resting a knee injury.

“She did a good job of that,” Wiggins said. “Jaleesa probably didn’t get the same type of shot opportunities that she normally gets, which can kind of mess with your rhythm. But as the game went on she was getting better and better with that.”

Ross shot just 4-of-14 from the field, but made her biggest impact when she was filling in for Thompson, distributing to her teammates.

“I know I had to play a lot of point guard today,” Ross said. “So, I just had the mindset of a point guard and trying to get my teammates open looks, and trying to get some creating going on the court.”

Wiggins said Thompson is likely doubtful for tomorrow’s home contest against in-state rival San Jose State, but with the Spartans boasting the worst overall record in the WAC at 2-16, Ross will have a good chance of breaking the all-time scoring record for the Bulldogs at home.

“I would love to do it at home,” Ross said.

Ross needs only nine points against the Spartans to become the most prolific scorer in Fresno State history. Ross has scored nine fewer points in only four games this season.

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‘Where’s the transition?’ I watched [Big East teams] Pitt and Notre Dame play before I came over here, and that game was from 19 feet in for 40 minutes. That’s how games are in conference play.”

While Cleveland anticipates a grind-it-out game Thursday night, he also praised the Wolf Pack’s guards and depth, saying they could be the best team in the WAC, but lack experience.

Nevada’s backcourt is anchored by the play of guards Malik Story, Deonte Burton and Darlo Hunt, who all average 13 points per game. The trio has been on fire and a key cog in Nevada’s current three-game WAC win streak, but the right mindset, Cleveland said, will ultimately decide Fresno State’s outcome.

“I don’t care how well they’ve played or what the circumstances are or how we’ve done,” Cleveland said. “I think that’s the only attitude that you can take, is that we’re going to go to Nevada and we know that they’re very talented.”

VIDEO: Check out highlights from Monday’s double header. http://collegian.csufresno.edu

BASKETBALL: 27 team assists sparks life into Bulldogs

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With just nine points sitting between Jaleesa Ross and Yvette Roberts’ Fresno State all-time scoring record, Thursday’s home game against San Jose State will likely bring history to the Save Mart Center.

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Tyler Johnson complemented his game and career-high 10 assists with a pair of monstrous second-half dunks.

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Road tests await men after win

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

The Bulldogs had a huge weight lifted off their shoulders, but head coach Steve Cleveland’s embattled squad is not out of the doghouse just yet.

That’s because despite dodging the longest losing streak as Fresno State’s head coach Monday night, Cleveland now must revert back to Western Athletic Conference play, this time on the road.

The ’Dogs dismantled Seattle 83-53 two nights ago in an out-of-conference contest in the Save Mart Center, but close out this week with big games starting at Nevada on Thursday.

“IT’s a game that you’ve got to know and believe when you get on a bus that you can win there,” Cleveland said.

But before Cleveland and company could even look ahead to the WAC showdown in Reno, Nev., some much-needed confidence restoration took place Monday night.

After dropping four straight conference games and slipping to sixth place in the conference, the ’Dogs picked the right time to both go red hot from the field and lights out on defense.

Fresno State shot 58 percent from the field, including 50 percent from three-point land to go along with 27 assists, all season-high numbers for the Bulldogs.

The ’Dogs also received plenty of bench production from guards Tyler Johnson and Garrett Johnson, as well as big man Bracken Funk. The trio combined for 33 points, including a couple of highlight-reel dunks for the 6,956 in attendance from Tyler Johnson.

Seattle’s fast-paced style of offense boded well for Fresno State Monday night as the Bulldogs reeled off 14 fast break points and controlled the hurried attack well on the other end of the floor.

“Feel like guys were just running the floor like coach was talking about before the game,” Tyler Johnson said. “He was saying that all five guys on their team like to go to the boards, so if we get rebounds we’ll have a lot of looks in transition.”

But despite seeing a 15-point halftime lead double by game’s end, Cleveland insists a transition game will not be what gets his team back on the winning track, especially in conference play.

“Conference games are grind games,” Cleveland said. “People say...”

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